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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of subject matter (process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or an improvement thereof) which is claimed and for which a patent is sought by way of the application entitled

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which (check) is attached hereto.
 and is amended by the Preliminary Amendment attached hereto.
 was filed on December 4, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/004,627
 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

Number	Prior Foreign Application(s)		Priority Claimed	
	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Yes	No
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Provisional Application Number	Filing Date
60/264,748	January 29, 2001

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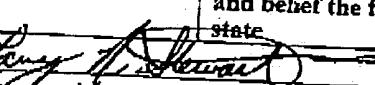
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Full name of first joint inventor:		on behalf of Howard M. Kingston, Larry Stewart, Chief Operating Officer at the assignee of the present application, Metara Inc., signing under information and belief the facts which the inventor is required to state	
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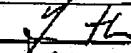
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